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## BECKWITH TALKS.

**Aged Banker Confesses Regarding Bank's Transactions With Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick.**

**TEARS STREAMED FROM HIS EYES.**

**He and Cashier Spear Endorse Notes in Addition to One Other Note For \$1,000,000.**

**The Woman Took a Solemn Oath That the Notes Were Not To Be Used For the Purpose of Raising Money.**

Cleveland, O., Dec. 6.—Seated in the office of the United States district attorney Monday afternoon in this city, President C. T. Beckwith, of the failed Citizens' National bank, of Oberlin, made a confession regarding the bank's transactions with Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick. Mr. Beckwith said: "I am either an awful dupe or a terrible fool. I guess there is no doubt about my being a fool. I know I have done wrong, and also crushed to the earth myself I do not propose to be made a scapegoat to shield the sins of others. The truth is that others also must be called to the bar to answer for their part in this terrible affair and one of those whose answer must be had is Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick."

The banker spoke in broken sentences and tears were streaming from his eyes. His acquaintance with Mrs. Chadwick began three years ago. The attorneys for Herbert D. Newton, the Brookline, Mass., banker, have stated that their client loaned Mrs. Chadwick money only after a note signed "Andrew Carnegie" had been endorsed by the president and cashier of a national bank. The men who endorsed the note were President Beckwith and Cashier Spear, of the Citizens' National bank, Oberlin, O.

Relating to this matter Banker Beckwith continued his story of the bank's transactions with Mrs. Chadwick as follows:

"Yes, we endorsed the note in addition to one other note for \$500,000, but, O God, never for the purpose for which they were used."

"Do you mean to say that there are two \$500,000 notes in addition to the note for \$250,000?" was asked Mr. Beckwith.

"Yes; notes aggregating \$1,250,000." "It has not been generally understood that there were two notes for \$500,000," was suggested.

"I know it; I know it, but the notes exist just the same," said Mr. Beckwith. "One of them is in the hands of Mrs. Chadwick. If she has disposed of it she has done something which she swore she would not do, so please make it plain that a solemn oath was taken that the notes which bear our endorsement were never to be used by Mrs. Chadwick for the purpose of raising money and she knew it."

"Did you have the slightest suspicion that the notes carrying the name of Andrew Carnegie were not genuine?"

"In Heaven's name how could we have suspicion? Mrs. Chadwick swore to both of us and one or more witnesses that she personally saw Mr. Carnegie sign his name to the notes she placed before us. But we said that we must be sure. How are we to know? The answer came in less than two days, when a New York attorney appeared in Oberlin who said he was the attorney for Mr. Carnegie—his special agent. He vouched for the correctness of the claims made by Mrs. Chadwick. We had at least six conferences with this lawyer. Perhaps I am saying too much, but I must tell something more. In every way we attempted to make certain that we were engaged in a legitimate business transaction, the kind of a transaction a business man would enter upon with credit to himself."

**In Reynolds's Attest.**  
"How about the attest held by Iri Reynolds; did you see him?" Mr. Beckwith was asked.

"Yes; many times, and what did we understand? We understood by every word that everything was all right and that genuine securities were locked up in the vaults of the Wade Park bank."

The attest referred to is alleged to have been signed by Iri Reynolds on May 24, 1902. It is addressed to "To Whom It May Concern," and certifies that he has in his possession \$5,000,000 in securities belonging to Cassie L. Chadwick and that neither himself nor the Wade Park bank (of which Reynolds is secretary and treasurer), nor any other person has any claim upon them. Regarding this note, Mr. Reynolds has refused to make any statement.

**Mrs. Chadwick Shadowed.**  
New York, Dec. 6.—Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick was at the Holland house

Monday night. At the hotel are at least three officers of the United States secret service and they have been particularly alert for the past 24 hours. A gentleman closely connected with the case says that there is a strong possibility that an arrest will be made in New York within a short time.

### TYNER IS DEAD.

**Late Attorney General of the Post Office Department Passes Away.**

Washington, Dec. 6.—James N. Tyner, former attorney general of the post office department, died here Monday morning after a long illness.

Col. James Noble Tyner was born in Brookville, Ind., in 1826. He was a member of congress from Indiana from 1869 to 1875, and served successively as second assistant and first assistant postmaster general, and was postmaster general from 1875 to 1882. He was assistant attorney general of the post office department from 1889 until 1903. He was involved in the sensational revelations made as the result of the investigation of the post office department ordered by President Roosevelt, and was forced to resign. He was indicted but acquitted.

### EQUALIZATION OF WAGES.

**The Illinois Steel Co. Plan Went into Operation at Chicago.**

Chicago, Dec. 6.—The plan of the Illinois Steel Co. to equalize wages at its South Chicago plant went into effect Monday. A large reduction was made in the wages of certain classes of workmen. Men who formerly received \$5, \$6 and \$8 a day are now getting but \$3, \$4 and \$5, and there is much dissatisfaction among them. On the other hand, there is rejoicing among the poorly paid laborers and mechanics who went to work at \$1.85, \$2 and \$2.15 rates instead of \$1.40, \$1.50 and \$1.60. When the big gates of the plate mill were opened about a thousand of the old workers came back under the new conditions imposed by the company.

### WATCHING AMERICA.

**Germany Takes a Keen Interest in the Growth of Our Navy.**

Berlin, Dec. 6.—The keen interest with which Germany is watching the growth of the American navy and the high opinion entertained by naval men in Germany of American naval technique, is shown by the inclusion in the naval budget of an item specifically covering the cost of sending officers to the United States to study methods of building and arming warships and other matters that may be applied to the betterment of the German navy.

### RUSSIAN SHIPS.

**Two or Three at Port Arthur Were Fired and Burned.**

Tokio, Dec. 6.—It is reported that the Japanese bombardment against the fleet at Port Arthur is proceeding to the satisfaction of the attacking forces. On the evening of the 4th instant (Sunday), two or three Russian ships were fired and burned in a half hour. Their names and the extent of the damage done are not known. It is generally believed that the Russian fleet must either make an early sortie or suffer irreparable damage.

### THE UNION SIGNAL.

**Mrs. L. M. Stevens Was Elected Editor-in-Chief.**

Philadelphia, Dec. 6.—Several committees of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union met here Monday and disposed of some business left to them by the national convention which was held here last week. The executive committee re-elected Mrs. L. M. Stevens editor-in-chief of the Union Signal, and Mrs. Caroline Jewett was re-elected managing editor. Miss M. Wintringer was chosen editor of the Crusader Monthly.

### THE CONSPIRACY CHARGE.

**The Indictments Against J. C. Mitchell and W. M. Irwin Nulled.**

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 6.—The joint indictment against J. C. Mitchell and W. M. Irwin, of Alma, Neb., who were charged with conspiracy to defraud the government by soliciting sales of postage stamps outside of the Alma office in order to increase the receipts of that office sufficiently to place it in another class, were nulled by United States District Attorney Baxter.

London, Ky., Dec. 6.—Sheldon Scoville, one of the best-known citizens of the county, died at his home, eight miles from here, after a long illness from consumption. He was a brother of Sheriff C. N. Scoville, and father of Hon. H. H. Scoville.

The iron mines of Michigan give employment to 14,456 persons, and their products amount to \$26,695,860.

## JAPS AMBUSCADED

**Rumor That in Attempt to Turn Rennenkampff's Flank They Were Repulsed.**

**THEIR LOSS WAS VERY HEAVY.**

**The Story is Not Yet Officially Confirmed, But Details Are Given With Circumstantiality.**

**The Russian Loss, According to This Account, Was Only 30 or 40 men—Heavy Artillery Fire on Lone Tree Hill.**

Mukden, Dec. 6.—There is a persistent rumor that the force of Japanese sent to turn Gen. Rennenkampff's flank has been repulsed with great loss. The story is not yet officially confirmed, but details are given with great circumstantiality. It is stated that Gen. Rennenkampff, who knew the movement was maturing, awaited the Japanese at the mouth of one of the captured passes, and that the Japanese turning force threw themselves unus-



GEN. RENNENKAMPFF. Commanding the Cavalry Forces of the Czar in the Far East.

pectingly into the ambuscade, where, after the fight, the Russians collected 500 Japanese corpses. It is added that there are 1,000 more Japanese corpses which it has been impossible to collect owing to the fire of the Japanese. This does not include the Japanese loss in wounded. The Russian loss, according to this account, was only 30 or 40 men.

The night of December 2 the Japanese began a heavy artillery fire on Poutloff (Lone Tree) hill paying the way for an infantry attack. The Russian artillery answered vigorously for several hours and then slackened. The Japanese, imagining the Russian fire had been silenced, flung themselves in masses against the trenches, where they were allowed to come within close range and then were met with withering volleys and a counter charge with the bayonets. The Japanese fled, having sustained enormous losses.

### A Cossack Expedition.

A Cossack expedition which was sent the night of December 2 to capture a Japanese battery on the Russian right flank was only partially successful. The Cossacks wiped out the Japanese sentries, killed the gunners and got possession of the battery, but were unable to remove the guns owing to the rapid arrival of Japanese reinforcements.

On December 3d Capt. Glickhoon and Corp. Companetz crawled up close to the Japanese position where they remained under a heavy fire all day, making sketches of the whole position, and returned in safety.

An attack by Japanese on Poutloff hill on December 3 was probably due in part to a wish to distract attention from sapper operations on a neighboring hill near the village of Shakhe; but these operations were discovered and repulsed and the Japanese fled.

The night of December 2 there was another Russian attack on Japanese trenches in which a number of trophies and rifles were secured, but at the cost of the life of Staff Capt. Manokoffski, one of the most daring of the Russian scouts, who was killed in hand-to-hand fighting.

## THE MARKETS.

### Flour and Grain.

Cincinnati, Dec. 5.—Flour—Winter patent, \$5.50@5.75; fancy, \$5.15@5.35; family, \$4.25@4.80; extra, \$3.75@4; low grade, \$3.20@3.50; spring patent, \$6@6.55; fancy, \$5@5.25; family, \$4.70@4.90; Northwestern rye, \$4.25@4.75. Wheat—No. 2 red quotable at \$1.17@1.18 on track. Corn—Sales: Mixed ear, track, 46½¢; yellow ear, track, 47@47½¢; rejected yellow, track, 46½¢. Oats—Sales: No. 2 white, track, at 33¾¢; No. 2 mixed, track, at 33¢.

Chicago, Dec. 5.—Wheat—No. 2 red, \$1.14½@1.15½¢; No. 2 hard, \$1.10@1.13; No. 1 Northern, \$1.18½@1.20. Oats—No. 2, 30@30½¢.

## Interesting Kentucky Items

### J. B. MARCUM'S WIDOW.

**She Insists on An Immediate Hearing in Her Damage Suit.**

Winchester, Ky., Dec. 6.—Witnesses, attorneys and others connected with the suit of Mrs. Abriella Marcum against Judge James Hargis and others began to arrive Monday. The trial will be called Tuesday and the plaintiff will insist on an immediate hearing. The suit was brought by the widow of J. B. Marcum, who was assassinated in Jackson 18 months ago, and is against James and Alex Hargis, Sheriff Ed Callahan and Judge B. F. French, attorney for the Hargises. The damages asked for on account of her husband's tragic death are \$100,000.

Among the witnesses who arrived Monday was Mose Feltner, who declares that persons claiming to represent the defense have continually made propositions to him not to testify in the case. Feltner was indicted and convicted of manslaughter, and before Marcum's assassination unfolded to Marcum a plan which he claims had been made to murder him.

### A MURDER MYSTERY.

**Five Men Arrested in Connection With Cumberland Falls Tragedy.**

Barboursville, Ky., Dec. 6.—Edward and Bee Holsomback, A. P. Meadow, J. Cummins and Shelt Smith have been arrested in connection with the Cumberland Falls murder mystery. The examining trials will occur Friday. The tragedy occurred November 17. The Curd brothers were wealthy land owners in one of the wildest portions of the Whitley county mountains, and Emma Durham was a tenant. As the Curds were fired upon from ambush, George being instantly killed and Thomas left for dead. The Durham woman was also killed and her body burned, it is supposed, to hide the identity of the assassins. The Curds had disputes with neighbors over land boundaries and timber rights.

### AMERICA'S OLDEST MAN.

**David Wade, Aged 117 Years 3 Months and 15 Days, Dead.**

Grayson, Ky., Dec. 6.—David Wade, probably the oldest man in America, died at his home, seven miles east of here, at the age of 117 years 3 months and 15 days. He was born at Tazewell, in what is now Claybourne county, Tennessee, August 20, 1787. Up until five years ago he was able to manage his farm work. Since then he has suffered from a paralytic stroke.

### IDENTICAL INJURIES.

**The Brother Is Dead and the Sister Barely Alive.**

Lancaster, Ky., Dec. 6.—Holman Merriman, who with his sister, Miss Susan Merriman, was injured in a runaway accident Friday night, died Sunday night. His sister is in a critical condition. A strange coincidence attached to the accident is that both were kicked on the head on the same identical spot.

### A Thoroughbred Sale.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 6.—The first annual thoroughbred sale of the Kentucky Horse Sales Co. opened here on Monday with fair prices. The best sales were: Linka, b. m., 11, Linden-Kalula, R. K. Lewis, Lexington, Ky., \$600; Sararose, b. m., 3, Imp. St. George-Shadow Dance, Baker & Gentry, \$500, Lexington, Ky.

### Stockholders to Meet in Heaven.

Bellevue, Ky., Dec. 6.—The stockholders will hold their first meeting in Heaven. Dividends will be paid in attending every church meeting, and stock cashed in when the holders meet in the celestial office. Thus reads the stock that will be offered for sale by the new Baptist church.

### An Aged Bank Note.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 6.—J. B. Shannon, of this city, has received an unpaid bank note from E. P. Slaterry, of Louisville, for \$20 drawn on the Northern Bank of Kentucky January 1, 1839. The note was signed by M. L. Scott, cashier, and John Tilford, president.

### Judge John E. Cooper Stricken.

Mt. Sterling, Ky., Dec. 6.—Judge John E. Cooper, of this city, former circuit judge, was stricken with paralysis at West Liberty. His condition is dangerous and he is speechless. Judge Cooper had been engaged in murder trials at West Liberty.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 6.—Complete returns from Kentucky in the late election show a total of 435,765 votes cast. The democratic plurality is 11,893. Judge Bennett wins the certificate of election in the Ninth congressional district by 44 votes.

## EXPRESS ROBBERY

**A Wells Fargo Car Was Entered by a Negro Between Needles and Daggett.**

**MESSENGER FATALLY WOUNDED.**

**The Robber Rifled the Safe and Escaped, the Affair Being Unknown For Some Time.**

**It Is Possible That \$200,000 of United States Pension Money Was On the Train—Express Officials Are Reticent.**

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 6.—The Wells-Fargo express car on the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe overland passenger train No. 1, west-bound, was entered early Monday somewhere between Needles and Daggett, and Evan O. Roberts, the express messenger, shot and fatally wounded and the way safe rifled.

The Wells-Fargo Co. was expecting a large shipment of United States pension money totalling \$200,000 it is said, and it is possible that this shipment may have been on the train. It is known that the local officials were greatly exercised over the robbery and at Bartow placed a substitute messenger on board the car with orders to guard everything in it with the greatest secrecy. Officials refused to discuss the reported shipment of pension money in any way. The shipment, if sent, would have been in the main safe. It is not certain, however, that this safe was not entered, as the robbers rifled the pockets of the messenger as he lay on the floor of the car and took away his keys to the two safes.

### Messenger Found Lying On the Floor.

The robbery was not discovered until the train reached Daggett. Conductor Hawes opened the door of the express car at Daggett and found Messenger Roberts lying on the floor of the car in a semi-conscious condition and the contents of the rifled safe scattered about the car. Roberts was so seriously wounded that he was unable to tell how the robbery occurred except to say that he had discovered some one on the blind baggage shortly after the train left Needles and had started to open the door when the man, whom he took to be a Negro, sprang inside. Before the messenger could draw his revolver the bandit opened fire, wounding Roberts mortally. The bullets struck Roberts in the left breast, passing through his body. Roberts fell to the floor, and the robber immediately went to the open way safe and took what he wanted of the contents. He opened the door and jumped out. Roberts was so badly hurt that he was unable to make an outcry.

### Door Bolt Was Broken.

The bolt on the door at the end of the express car was broken, showing that the robber had used force in gaining entrance. The interior of the car indicated that the messenger had made a game resistance and grappled with the robber before being overpowered and finally shot by him.

Word was received here late Monday that a colored tramp was under arrest at Bartow who is believed to be the man who committed the robbery.

Assistant Superintendent Pridham, of the Wells-Fargo Co., states that the amount taken from the way safe was only a few hundred dollars. The principal treasure safe, he said was locked and the robber was unable to force an entrance.

### West Virginia Official Vote.

Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 6.—The official vote of West Virginia gives Roosevelt 31,755 plurality. McKinley's plurality four years ago was 21,022. Total vote republican presidential ticket, 132,608; democratic, 100,850; prohibition, 4,604; socialist, 1,574; peoples party, 639. Roosevelt's majority over all, 25,241.

### Miles To Be Adjutant General.

Boston, Dec. 6.—It is officially announced by Gov.-elect Douglas that Gen. Nelson A. Miles has accepted the proffered position as adjutant general of the troops of Massachusetts. Gen. Miles, though a native of Massachusetts, has not lived in the state since boyhood.

### Two Men Found Dead.

New York, Dec. 6.—That two young men, who were found dead locked in each other's arms, entered into an agreement to commit suicide simultaneously by gas is the belief of the police. The men were James Gibbons and James Moran.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 6.—The official vote of South Carolina for president is as follows: Parker, 52,863; Roosevelt, 2,271; Debs (social democrat), 22; Watson (populist), 1.